वित्त मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दंडवते) : (क) जी, हां ! भारत मे तथा विदेशों में लेखा-परीक्षा कार्य में लगे भारतीय लेखा-परीक्षा और लेखा विभाग के अधिकारी और कर्मचारी वही दैनिक भत्ता लेने के पात्र हैं जो अन्य केंद्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों को स्वीकार्य है । दैनिक भत्ता, अधिकारी द्वारा लिए जा रहे वेतन तथा उसके प्रतिनियुक्त स्थान पर निर्भर करते हुए, विभिन्न दरों पर दिया जाता है ।

(ख) राजदूतावासों तथा विदेशों में कार्यालयों के व्यय की नई दिल्ली से ही पूरी लेखा परीक्षा करना व्यवहार्य नहीं है।

Country's Policy towards foreign investments

1180. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering proposals to create more attractive environment by defining their policy towards foreign investment in India, in view of the recent happenings in Europe and South Asian countries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to identify the areas where the country needs foreign investment in order to improve economic development, particularly exports?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) The basic framework of our foreign investment policy is laid down in various documents including the Industrial Policy Resolution. Our approach is selective. In line with our priorities, the policy permits technical as well as financial collaborations over a wide range of industrial activities. The policy is well established and facilitates diirect foreign investment in desirable areas, particularly areas of high technology and exports.

Trade Pacts with foreign countries

1181. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into certain trade pact with foreign countries recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The Governments of India and Bhutan signed an agreement on Trade and Commerce on 2nd March, 1990 for a period of five years to regulate the bilateral trade as well as to provide transit facilities to the land locked Kingdom of Bhutan for their third country trade through the territory of India. It provides for free trade and commerce between the two countries through specified routes . Under the new agreement, Government of India has agreed to provide same facilities to the private Sector in Bhutan which it had been providing to the foreign trade being carried out by the Royal Government of Bhutan so far.

(ii) India has buateral Trade and Payment Agreements with 5 (five) East European countries, namely, GDR, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia and USSR. The Agreement with each of these countries provides for India's trade with that country on the basis of payments in non-convertible Indian Rupees and on a balancing basis. Trade and Payment Agreement with each of these countries providing for the Rupee Payment Agreement is presently valid up to 31-12-1990.

(iii) In September 1989, the first meeting of India-China Joint Group on Trade and Economic Relations, Science and Technology was held during 18—20th September, 1989. The meeting concluded with the signing

of agreed minutes between the two aides and the Trade Protocol covering the period 20th September, 1989 to 19th September, 1990, was also signed.

1182. Withdrawn.

Proposal from all India Scheduled Castes Cooperative Society for Borrowing Funds from abroad

1183. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from All India Scheduled Castes Cooperative Society for borrowing funds from abroad for its 100 per cent export-oriented Flower Unit have been considered by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Society has not yet furnished additional data required for completing the loan formalities.

Irrigation projects awaiting central clearance

1184. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the names of the irrigation projects awaiting clearance from the Central Government alongwith the dates on which each was submitted and the resultant escalation cost due to delay in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of export processing zone in Karnataka

1185. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms followed for the setting up of Export Processing Zones in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to set up one such unit in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No specific norms have been evolved for the setting up of Export Processing Zone in the country. However, while approving the setting up of the new Zones at Madras. Cochin, Noida, Falta and Visakhapatnam the following criteria recommended by the Tandon Committee were kept in view:

1. Proximity to an international sea port or airport;

2. Industrial infrastructure such as ancillary industries for material and components supplies, repairs and service facilities etc.

3. Commercial infrastructure such as financial-cum-business services like banking, insurance, warehousing;

4. Linkage with a good hinterland for supply of domestic inputs and services;

5. Availability of good communication facilities including rail road and or air and tele-communication;

6. Community infrastructure such as housing, health facilities and municipal services; and

7. Involvement of State Government, particularly for provision of infrastructural facilities.